



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 1st February 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on Matthew 16:21–23.

Psalm 103

- 1 Praise God, my soul! With all my heart
Let me exalt his holy name.
- 2 Forget not all his benefits;
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
- 3 The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;
- 4 Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness.

- 8 The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.
- 9 He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.
- 10 He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.
- 11 How great his love—as high as heaven
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

- 12 As far as east is from the west,
So far his love has borne away
Our many sins and trespasses
And all the guilt that on us lay.
- 13 Just as a father loves his child,
So God loves those who fear his name.
- 14 For he remembers we are dust,
And well he knows our feeble frame.

1 **Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,**
by his own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God
has been on Jesus laid.

2 Silent as he stood accused,
beaten, mocked and scorned;
bowing to the Father's will,
he took a crown of thorns.

*Oh that rugged cross, my salvation,
where your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out 'Hallelujah!
Praise and honour unto thee.'*

3 Sent of heaven, God's own Son
to purchase and redeem
and reconcile the very ones
who nailed him to that tree.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

Now my debt is paid,
it is paid in full
by the precious blood
that my Jesus spilled.

Now the curse of sin
has no hold on me
whom the Son sets free
oh is free indeed.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

4 See the stone is rolled away:
behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah! God be praised,
he's risen from the grave.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

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**Our Father in heaven,
we confess that we have done many things we should have left undone,
and failed to do many things you have commanded.
Forgive our sins and have mercy on us, we pray.
And help us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Reading: Isaiah 49:1–7 (page 609)

From the breaking of the dawn

to the setting of the sun
I will stand on every promise of your Word.
Words of power strong to save
that will never pass away;
I will stand on every promise of your Word.
For your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure:
I can stand on every promise of your Word.

When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of your Word.
You are faithful to forgive
that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on every promise of your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored;
you remember sins no more;
so I'll stand on every promise of your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair,
love that casts out every fear
as I stand on every promise of your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on every promise of your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of your Word.

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Notices

Children leave for Crèche, Scramblers and Sunday School (9:30 service)

Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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| <p>1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
He whose Word cannot be broken
formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.</p> <p>2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
never fails from age to age.</p> | <p>3 'Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which He gives them on their way.</p> <p>4 Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasures,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.</p> |
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John Newton

Reading and Sermon: Matthew 16:21–23 (page 822)

Matthew 16:21–23

Intro: History in the making

1) The Central Necessity of the Cross

i) Necessity

ii) Centrality

2) The Saving Power of the Cross

i) Ransom – Matthew 20:28

See Exodus 12; Isaiah 53:4–6

ii) Forgiveness – Matthew 26:28

See Jeremiah 31:33–34; Isaiah 53:12

iii) Cup – Matthew 26:39, 42

See Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15–16

Conclusion: No other way

I cast my mind to Calvary

where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet;
my Saviour on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears.
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone;
Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the name of the Lord our God,
O praise his name forever more.
For endless days, we will sing your praise
O Lord, O Lord our God.*

Then on the third at break of dawn,
the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.
O praise the name of the Lord our God...

He shall return in robes of white,
the blazing Son shall pierce the night,
and I will rise among the saints,
my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.
O praise the name of the Lord our God...

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This evening's sermon passage is Isaiah 2:1-4:6.

Next week's services:

10:30am: Matthew 16:24-28

6pm: Isaiah 5

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A Passion for Life

In the lead-up to Easter, we are focusing on equipping and encouraging one another in sharing the gospel, beginning with a series of LifeGroup studies on evangelism and two more morning services considering key questions about Jesus.

Consider who you can invite!

1st February: *Why did Jesus die?*

8th February: *Why should I follow Jesus?*

1) Youth Group – Meeting this afternoon from 3:30–5:30pm at the new venue of John and Hilary's house. Contact hilaryous95@gmail.com for more details, including the address.

2) During the week – LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal this week. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more info about our weekly bible studies.

3) Lord's Supper – During the morning service next Sunday.

4) Women's Teaching Day: Transformed by Grace – Join us on Saturday 14th March as Rachel Sloan teaches from Titus. There will also be seminars, prayer and plenty of fellowship. Book [here](#) and contact Kirsty with any questions.

5) Giving – You can support the work of the church financially by electronic bank transfer, by contactless payment after the service or by clicking [here](#). Our bank details are – A/c name: St Andrews Free COS; S/c: 80–09–55; A/c no: 00295283. If you would wish to make a contribution towards the Assistant Minister fund, you are making a sizeable donation or you are eligible for Gift Aid, please email treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk